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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	<b>Box Sequence</b>
H. UEMURA et al.	)	Examiner:
Appln. No.: 09/856,298	)	Washington, D.C.
Filed: May 21, 2001	)	October 1, 2001
For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE	)	Atty. Docket: UEMURA=6
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee including additional claims, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-54 and 58 without prejudice.

Please replace claims 55-57, 59, 64, and 66-71, with new amended claims 55-57, 59, 64, and 66-71 to eliminate multiple dependencies as follows below:

55 (Amended). A vector comprising the nucleotide sequence according to claim 2.

56 (Amended). Transformed cells having the nucleotide sequence according to claim 2 in an expressible state.

57 (Amended). A process for producing a protein

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